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**Re: OFFICIAL RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

The following is an OFFICIAL RESPONSE to an Office Action filed October 8, 2004, in the below-identified U.S. Patent Application.

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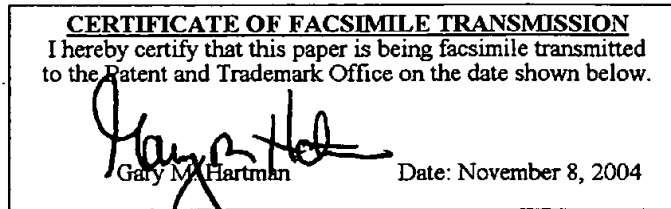
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**RESPONSE TO "NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT"**

In response to a "Notice of Non-compliant Amendment" dated October 8, 2004, Applicant submits herewith a section entitled "Amendments to the Claims," which the Examiner deemed to be lacking in Applicant's amendment filed on September 29, 2004. In this "Amendments to the Claims" section, claims 1-20 are all identified as being "original," as no claim amendments were presented in Applicant's amendment.

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